

REPORTED ANIMAL BITES IN MARYLAND, 2010



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PREVENTION AND HEALTH PROMOTION ADMINISTRATION
CENTER FOR ZOO NOTIC AND VECTOR-BORNE DISEASES



Animal bite reporting in Maryland

In Maryland, animal bites are reportable (Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 10.06.02.05, Reporting Bite or Non-Bite Contacts to Humans). Any person having knowledge of a bite to an individual by an animal shall report the facts of the contact to the local health department, the local animal control authority, or a law enforcement agency. Bite reporting is required to ensure that individuals who are potentially exposed to rabies (a fatal viral encephalitis) via a bite from an infected mammal are adequately assessed for risk and receive appropriate preventive prophylaxis if indicated.

The local health department reports on a monthly basis to the State Public Health Veterinarian at the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene the aggregate number of bites by the species that inflicted the bite. No data are provided regarding the breed of dog, cat or other species inflicting the bite, nor are data surrounding the circumstances of the bite collected.

For questions regarding these data, please contact the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Center for Zoonotic and Vector-borne Diseases at 410-767-5649.

Animal Bites in Maryland 2010

Year 2010

Row Labels	Values																			Totals
	Sum of Dog	Sum of Cat	Sum of Ferret	Sum of Bat	Sum of Raccoon	Sum of Fox	Sum of Skunk	Sum of Groundhog	Sum of Squirrel	Sum of Rabbit	Sum of Mouse	Sum of Hamster	Sum of Gerbil	Sum of Rat	Sum of Guinea Pig	Sum of Opossum	Sum of Pony	Sum of Horse	Sum of Other	
Allegany County	160	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	213
Anne Arundel County	886	343	2	18	5	1	0	1	8	3	4	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	3	1278
Baltimore City	594	290	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	13	906
Baltimore County	1076	372	2	25	12	2	0	10	8	3	8	2	0	4	0	1	0	1	7	1533
Calvert County	211	56	0	2	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	277
Caroline County	69	28	0	1	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	104
Carroll County	249	111	0	3	4	3	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	376
Cecil County	216	55	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	276
Charles County	273	96	1	0	1	0	1	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	381
Dorchester County	77	41	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	122
Frederick County	250	142	3	5	4	1	0	3	4	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	5	421
Garrett County	44	17	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63
Harford County	394	161	1	1	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	6	0	0	0	1	0	571
Howard County	246	91	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	346
Kent County	30	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39
Montgomery County	608	181	0	3	9	3	0	0	8	1	5	7	0	4	4	0	0	2	4	839
Prince Georges County	484	102	1	1	1	0	1	0	2	1	6	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	1	605
Queen Annes County	125	35	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	165
Saint Mary's County	150	45	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	200
Somerset County	42	34	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	79
Talbot County	55	27	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	85
Washington County	208	110	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	326
Wicomico County	252	73	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	338
Worcester County	131	46	0	2	0	1	0	0	5	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	190
Grand Total	6830	2516	13	69	54	19	3	17	50	18	27	21	2	27	7	2	0	16	42	9733

The chart displays the sum of various animal species across 20 Maryland counties. The y-axis represents the sum, ranging from 0 to 1200. The x-axis lists the counties: Allegany County, Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Calvert County, Caroline County, Carroll County, Cecil County, Charles County, Dorchester County, Frederick County, Garrett County, Harford County, Howard County, Kent County, Montgomery County, Prince Georges County, Queen Annes County, Saint Mary's County, Somerset County, Talbot County, Washington County, Wicomico County, and Worcester County.

The legend identifies the following series:

- Sum of Dog (Dark Blue line with diamond markers)
- Sum of Cat (Dark Red line with square markers)
- Sum of Ferret (Green line with triangle markers)
- Sum of Bat (Purple line with 'x' markers)
- Sum of Raccoon (Teal line with asterisk markers)
- Sum of Fox (Orange line with circle markers)
- Sum of Skunk (Light Blue line with plus markers)
- Sum of Groundhog (Red line with horizontal bar markers)
- Sum of Squirrel (Light Green line with circle markers)
- Sum of Rabbit (Dark Purple line with diamond markers)
- Sum of Mouse (Cyan line with square markers)
- Sum of Hamster (Orange line with triangle markers)
- Sum of Gerbil (Light Blue line with 'x' markers)
- Sum of Rat (Pink line with asterisk markers)
- Sum of Guinea Pig (Light Green line with circle markers)
- Sum of Opossum (Purple line with plus markers)
- Sum of Pony (Light Blue line with horizontal bar markers)
- Sum of Horse (Orange line with triangle markers)
- Sum of Other (Light Blue line with diamond markers)

The 'Sum of Dog' series shows the highest values, peaking at approximately 1080 in Calvert County. The 'Sum of Cat' series is the second highest, peaking at approximately 380 in Calvert County. Other species have much lower sums, generally below 100.

